

Topical Heading

Higher and Continuing Education

Program Title

Talent Search Program

Also Known as

TRIO (Talent Search is one of eight TRIO programs.)

CFDA # (or ED #)

84.044

Administering Office

Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)

Who May Apply (by category)

Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), Local Education Agencies (LEAs), Nonprofit Organizations, Other Organizations and/or Agencies, State Education Agencies (SEAs)

Who May Apply (specifically)

IHEs, public and private agencies or organizations, or a combination of these, and in exceptional circumstances, secondary schools, may apply.

Current Competitions

FY 2006 application deadline: Jan. 6, 2006. Grants are made on a four-year cycle; competitions are held every four years. Next competition expected: FY 2010, with application deadline in summer or fall 2009.

Type of Assistance (by category)

Discretionary/Competitive Grants

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2004 \$144,230,000

Fiscal Year 2005 \$144,649,000

Fiscal Year 2006 \$145,330,000

Note: The amount shown for fiscal year 2006 under Appropriations above is a portion of the FY 2006 appropriation for federal TRIO programs.

Fiscal Year 2006 Awards Information

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 468

Average New Award: \$220,000 for first-time grant recipients

Range of New Awards: \$220,000–\$3,600,000

Note: Only an estimated 167 awards will begin new grant cycles in FY 2006; the remaining awards would begin their new grant cycles after current grants expire.

Legislative Citation

Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, Title IV, Part A, Subpart 2, Chapter 1, Sec.402B; 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1070a-12.

Program Regulations

EDGAR; 34 CFR 643

Program Description

This program identifies and assists individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who have the potential to succeed in higher education. The program provides academic, career, and financial counseling to its participants and encourages them to graduate from high school and continue on to the postsecondary institution of their choice. Talent Search also serves high school dropouts by encouraging them to reenter the education system and complete their education. The goal of Talent Search is to increase the number of youths from disadvantaged backgrounds who complete high school and enroll in postsecondary education institutions of their choice.

Types of Projects

Projects provide tutorial services, career exploration, aptitude assessments, counseling, mentoring programs, workshops, and information on postsecondary institutions.

Education Level (by category)

Middle School, Secondary

Education Level (specifically)

Grades 6–12

Subject Index

Academic Achievement, Disadvantaged, High-Risk Students, Low Income, Postsecondary Education, Secondary Education

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<http://www.ed.gov/programs/triotalent>